83. Needs of the Kunnathur taluk.

MR. K. KESAVAN UNNITHAN (*Member, Kunnattur taluk*) spoke on the following needs of the taluk:—

The old Magistrate's Court at Adur which was abolished in 1098 should be re-established. The magisterial jurisdiction over the Kunnathur taluk now vested in part in the Magistrate's Court, Kottarakara, and in part in the Magistrate's Court, Chavara. But these courts were mostly 25 miles distant from the various pakuthies concerned. The volume of criminal litigation in the Kunnathur taluk also justified the establishment of a separate Magistrate's Court at Adur. If it was not considered necessary to have a separate Magistrate's Court there, the Tahsildar, Kunnathur, should be invested with magisterial powers. If even this was not feasible, the local Munsiff should be invested with magisterial powers.

The old police station at Sastancotta should be re-established. The Suranad pakuthi was now included in the jurisdiction of the Adur Police Station, the Peruvazhi, Kallada West, Thevalakara and Mainagapalli pakuthies in the jurisdiction of the Chavara Police Station, and the Kallada East pakuthi in the jurisdiction of the Quilon Police Station. But the distance from Suranad to Adur was 18 miles, that from Peruvazhi to Chavara 12 miles, that from Kallada West to Chavara 14 miles that from Thevalakara to Chavara 6 miles, that from Mainagapalli to Chavara 6 miles, and that from Kallada East to Quilon 14 miles. The police stations being so far away, the people of these places were put to great inconvenience. Sastancotta was situated at a somewhat central place between these pakuthies. It was also the seat of a great temple and the head-quarters of several offices. Formerly there was a police station at this place which was shifted to Chavara. The old station should be re-established at the place.

The Kunnathur pakuthi should be restored to the jurisdiction of the Kunnathur Sub-Registrar's office. The jurisdiction over this pakuthi was now vested in the Sastancotta Sub-Registrar's office. But most of the Karas in this pakuthi were situated near the Adur Sub-Registrar's office; whereas Sastancotta was situated far away. In fact the Adur Sub-Registrar's office was on the way from these karas to Sastancotta, so that people had to go past this office for a distance of about 12 miles to Sastancotta to register their documents. There was also the circumstance that the Munsiff's court, the Taluk office etc., were situated at Adur. The Kunnathur pakuthi should therefore be included in the jurisdiction of the Kunnathur Sub-Registry office.

The Kalangurpadam road should be converted into a cart road. There were representations on the same subject at the 23rd and the 24th sessions of the Assembly in reply to which it was stated that the department was making improvements on the road by and by. But the importance and usefulness of the road demanded more urgent attention and the necessary provision should be made in the current year's budget for improving it and for providing one or two bridges.

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The road from Koodal to Chandanapalli *via* Nedumonkavu should be made cartable. The local people had opened the road for the most part with the co-operation of the Forest Department. What was now wanted was only to provide one or two small culverts and a bridge.

The village road from Enathu to Kadampanad *via* Mannadi should be made cartable. The people of the locality had opened the road at great expense. A few culverts and bridges alone should be provided by Government.

The road from Enathu to Parakode *via* Chavarukavu should be converted into a cart road.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Kesavan Unnithan, as regards the question of the Adoor Magistrate's court there is very little work anticipated in that court by the High Court and by the District Magistrate and they do not consider that it is necessary to open one there. However, the matter will be re-examined at the time of the redistribution of jurisdiction of courts.

MEMBER: As there is no work for a full time Magistrate, it is enough if the Tahsildar is invested with magisterial powers.

DEWAN: It will be considered.

As regards the restoration of the Police station at Sasthancotta, the matter will be considered along with the report of the Allocation Officer.

It is better that the existing arrangements continued as regards the inclusion and retention of certain pakuthies in the jurisdiction of Kunnattur Sub-Registry office.

MEMBER:—It is enough if the Sub-Registry office at Thevalakara is transferred to Kadambanad.

DEWAN:—That might be considered.

As regards the conversion of the Kalangurpadom road into a cart road, the Chief Engineer has forwarded an estimate for Rs. 3000 for a bridge and for improvement of the road. It will be taken up and considered.

The Government have sanctioned last month the maintenance by the P. W. D. of the road from Kudal to Chandanapalli *via* Nedumonkavu into a cart road.

The conversion of the road from Enathu to Kadampanad *via* Mannadi and the conversion of the road from Enathu to Parakkottu *via* Chavarukavu are not urgent works and therefore they should wait till other urgent works are completed.

84. Needs of the Karunagapally taluk, Group I.

MR. S. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI (*Member, Karunagapally taluk, Group* I.) said that the Chavara-Sasthamkotta and Karunagapally-Sasthamkotta roads were quite unfit for vehicular traffic. The Neendakara-Karunagapally road was also full of ruts. It was not sufficiently wide for the easy passage of two motor cars running in opposite

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